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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to draw to your attention the text, in French and English, of a statement on Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted by the European Community and its member States in Lisbon and Brussels on 16 April 1992.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annex hereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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STATEMENT ON BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA

The Community and its member States, recalling their statement of 11 April, strongly condemn the violence that is now spreading in Bosnia and Hercegovina at the hands of various armed elements with the support of regular forces, and in particular of the JNA. They call upon all parties concerned to strictly abide by the cease-fire agreed upon. All sides should refrain from any move such as the sending of military reinforcements into Bosnia and Hercegovina that can only exacerbate the situation. In particular they urge the Belgrade authorities to do all in their power to prevent violent activities by Serbian irregulars.

The Community and its member States, while recalling that they will never accept a de facto situation created by violence, condemn the use of force, intimidation and provocations perpetrated by nationalist extremists as well as any attempts from outside to destabilize Bosnia and Hercegovina. Parties responsible for such actions will be internationally held accountable for their acts.

They support the Bosnian Government in its efforts to bring about a peaceful solution respecting the rights of all ethnic and national groups in that Republic and expect all parties to pursue without delay the negotiations on the future constitutional arrangements under the auspices of the peace conference.

The Community and its member States call on all parties concerned and on all republics - in particular on Serbia and Croatia - to fully support the mission of the personal envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Cyrus Vance, in the area. They demand the reopening of the airport of Sarajevo for humanitarian relief. They expect all sides to allow for a safe and unrestricted access of the ECMM in the dispatch of its duty.

The Community and its member States, while reaffirming their wish for the Security Council of the United Nations to remain actively involved in this question, have brought the situation on Bosnia and Hercegovina before the CSCE in concertation with other members of that Conference.